

extending across said header, wherein said first portion of said first line of weakness lies in a region having an upper boundary at an elevation which is lower than a top of said slider.

2. (Amended) The package as recited in claim 1, wherein said region is lower than an elevation of said first tear notch, and said first wall of said enclosed header further comprises a first slit traversing a range of elevations encompassing a first elevation near an elevation of said first tear notch and a second elevation near an elevation of said first portion of said first line of weakness.

5. (Amended) The package as recited in claim 2, wherein said second side edge of said enclosed header comprises a second tear notch, and said first wall of said enclosed header further comprises a second slit traversing a range of elevations encompassing a first elevation near an elevation of said second tear notch and a second elevation near an elevation of said first portion of said first line of weakness.

6. (Amended) The package as recited in claim 2, wherein said second wall of said enclosed header comprises:

a second line of weakness having a portion extending across said header, said portion of said second line of weakness lying in a region having an upper boundary at an elevation which is lower than said top of said slider, and

a second slit traversing a range of elevations encompassing a first elevation near an elevation of said first tear notch and a second elevation near an elevation of said portion of said second line of weakness.

Also please add the following new claims:

40. The package as recited in claim 1, wherein said region is lower than an elevation of said first tear notch, and said first line of weakness has a second portion traversing a range of elevations encompassing a first elevation near an elevation of said first tear notch and a second elevation near an elevation of said first portion of said first line of weakness.

41. A package comprising an enclosure and a slider-operated zipper that separates an internal volume of said enclosure into a header space and a product space, wherein a header portion of said enclosure encloses said header space, said header portion comprising first and second header walls joined at first and second side edges, said first header wall comprising a first line of weakness that begins at or near said first side edge at a first elevation above a top edge of said zipper and continues to a second elevation below a top edge of said zipper.

42. The package as recited in claim 41, wherein said second header wall comprises a second line of weakness that begins at or near said first side edge at said first elevation and continues to said second elevation.

43. The package as recited in claim 41, wherein said first line of weakness further continues from said second elevation to a point at or near said second side edge and at a third elevation.

44. The package as recited in claim 43, wherein said second header wall comprises a second line of weakness that begins at or near said first side edge at said first elevation, continues to said second elevation, and further continues from said second elevation to a point at or near said second side edge and at said third elevation.